Amendments to the Specification:

This listing of the specification will replace all prior versions of the corresponding paragraphs of the specification in the application.

Listing of Amended Paragraphs of the Specification:

Please amend table 1 at page 24 to read as follows:

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(Table 1)

medium No.	information layer No.	Film thickness of each layer [nm]				recording layer	optical constant of recording layer				optical characteristics of each information layer alone							optical characteristics in laminated layers	
		lower protective layer	recording layer	upper protective layer	reflective layer	oxygen flow rate	naj	kaj	ncj	kcj	Ra (%)	Rc (%)	ΔR (%)	Ta (%)	Tc (%)	(Ta+Tc)/2 (%)	(Ta-Tc)/Ta	eff. Ra (%)	eff. ΔR (%)
(0)	4	44	20	33	40	22 sccm	2.5	0.38	2.0	1.10	30	7	23	—	—	1.0	-	4.6	3.5
	3	22	15	11	0	22 sccm	2.5	0.38	2.0	1.10	8	2	6	70	64	67.0	0.09	2.9	1.9
	2	17	10	6	0	22 sccm	2.5	0.38	2.0	1.10	8	3	5	78	69	73.5	0.12	4.8	3.0
	1	11	8	6	0	22 sccm	2.5	0.38	2.0	1.10	6	3	3	82	73	77.5	0.11	6.0	3.0
(1)	4	44	20	33	40	22 sccm	2.5	0.38	2.0	1.10	30	7	23	—	—	1.0	-	4.4	3.4
	3	22	15	11	0	22 sccm	2.5	0.38	2.0	1.10	8	2	6	70	64	67.0	0.09	2.6	2.0
	2	22	10	11	0	16 sccm	2.5	0.50	2.0	1.00	9	4	5	75	72	73.5	0.04	5.5	3.0
	1	11	8	3	0	16 sccm	2.5	0.50	2.0	1.00	5	2	3	80	76	78.0	0.05	5.0	3.0
(2)	4	55	20	33	40	24 sccm	2.5	0.25	2.0	1.05	30	6	24	—	—	1.0	-	4.1	3.3
	3	22	15	22	0	22 sccm	2.5	0.30	2.0	1.10	16	8	8	66	61	63.5	0.08	5.4	2.7
	2	22	10	11	0	22 sccm	2.5	0.38	2.0	1.10	9	4	5	77	72	74.5	0.06	5.5	3.0
	1	11	8	3	0	16 sccm	2.5	0.50	2.0	1.00	5	2	3	80	76	78.0	0.05	5.0	3.0

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     Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 30, lines 11 to read as follows:

     According to Table [[2]]3, in the medium samples (1) and (2), the error rate is improved compared to the medium sample (0), which is a comparative example. It is believed that the reason for this is that since, in the medium sample (1) and the medium sample (2), the difference in the transmittance between the case where recording has been performed and the case where recording has not been performed is small in the information layer located on the near side, the coefficient of variation of the envelope is low and the error rate is decreased.

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